

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action issued August 21, 2006, claims 1, 2, 4-5, and 7-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Published Application No. 2004/0226031 to Zimmerman et al. (Zimmerman) in view of admitted prior art (APA). Claims 3 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Zimmerman in view of admitted prior art APA and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,088,694 to Burns et al. (Burns)

Claims 1-9 are now pending in this application. Claims 1-9 have been amended.

The applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, according to claims 1, 2, 4-5, and 7-9 is not unpatentable over Zimmerman and any APA. In particular, the present invention, for example, according to claim 1, requires a computer implemented method of installing a first self-contained data handling application to operate with a second, previously installed, self-contained data handling application having at least one call routine which is executed when the second data handling application is operated, the method comprising: a) determining the presence of the second data handling application and, if it is present, b) generating a link to a software routine provided by the first self-contained data handling application including appending an address for the software routine configured to execute when the at least one call routine for the second, previously installed, self-contained data handling application executes, and utilizing the software routine when executed.

Zimmermann discloses the use of a dynamic library with an installed program. A library is a collection of subprograms used to develop software. Libraries contain "helper" code and data, which provide services to independent programs. This allows code and data to be shared and changed in a modular fashion. There is no discussing in Zimmermann regarding appending an address for the software routine configured to execute when the at least one call routine for

the second, previously installed, self-contained data handling application executes, and utilizing the software routine when executed. Thus, as the Examiner recognizes, the libraries disclosed by Zimmerman are not "self-contained data handling applications" required by the present invention. The recognition in the APA of the existence of self-contained programs would not properly motivate one of skill in the art to make a library that includes the "self-contained data handling applications" required by the present invention. The entire purpose of a library is to provide helper subprograms that are included in independent programs. In addition, APA also fails to disclose appending an address for the software routine configured to execute when the at least one call routine for the second, previously installed, self-contained data handling application executes, and utilizing the software routine when executed.

Thus, the present invention, according to claim 1, and according to claims 5 and 8, which are similar to claim 1, and according to claims 2, 4, 7, and 9, which depend therefrom, is not unpatentable over Zimmerman.

The applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, according to claims 3 and 6 is not unpatentable over Zimmerman in view of APA and further in view of Burns because APA does not cure the deficiencies of Zimmermann.

Thus, the present invention, according to claims 3 and 6 is not unpatentable over Zimmerman in view of APA.

Each of the claims now pending in this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of this case and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

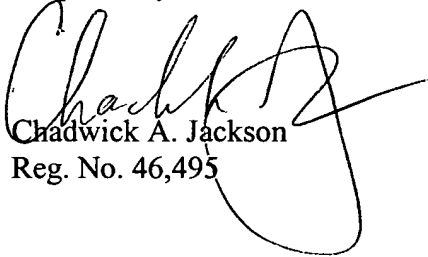
Additional Fees:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 19-5127 (19111.0072).

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, all of the Examiner's rejections to the claims are believed to be overcome. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all the claims remaining in the application. Should the Examiner feel further communication would facilitate prosecution, he is urged to call the undersigned at the phone number provided below.

Respectfully Submitted,



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